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TO: The Secretary  
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FROM: [redacted]  
SUBJECT: Determination

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**Determination by the President under Section**

P.L. 17-510 that the U.S. assist certain  
designated refugees.

## Discussion

Pursuant to the President's request dated July 21, 1961 the Congress has enacted special legislation (PL 87-310) providing broad authorization for the United States to assist refugees and immigrants.

It also provides *inter alia* for the appropriation of necessary funds when the President determines that United States assistance to designated categories of refugees will contribute to the defense, security or foreign policy interests of the United States. This provision enables the United States to continue its direct assistance under the United States Escapee Program to refugees from communist countries (previously authorized by the Mutual Security Act) and to provide needed assistance in other developing refugee problems notably in Africa and Asia.

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Attached are (1) a draft Presidential determination covering refugee situations in which funds for United States assistance are recommended (Tab B); (2) a draft memorandum from you to the President transmitting the determination (Tab A) and (3) a summary of the refugee problems listed in the determination including appraisal of our national interests inherent in each problem (Tab C).

Recommendation

It is recommended that you sign the memorandum to the President and transmit it with the accompanying documents as indicated.

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